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All, greetings, attached is my Opposition to Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice in docket 2019-297-G; contact@psc.sc.gov is CC'd for docketing.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter!

Regards,  
Brad

On Mon, Nov 4, 2019 at 4:48 PM O'Hare, Sloane K.  
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BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2019-297-G

IN RE:

James B. Hamlett,  
Complainant/Petitioner,

v.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Defendant/Respondent.

OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR  
ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*

I oppose the Respondent's Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* and respectfully request that the Public Service Commission deny the Motion. On pp.2-3 of Ms. McGrath's Verified Application for Admission in the State of South Carolina *Pro Hac Vice*, she lists three matters in which she is providing legal services *pro hac vice* before the Commission. The status of these matters is listed as "Proceeding remains open," so Ms. McGrath is currently proving legal services in these three matters this year. My Complaint before the Commission will bring her total to four matters this year. Rule 404(k) SCACR prohibits lawyers from appearing *pro hac vice* in more than three matters per year. Rule 404(k) states the following: "A lawyer who is not admitted to practice in South Carolina who seeks to provide legal services pursuant to Rule 5.5(c)(3) in more than three matters in a calendar year shall be presumed to be providing legal services on a regular, not temporary, basis." By providing legal counsel to four ongoing matters before the Commission in one year, Rule 404(k) states that Ms. McGrath not engaged in the temporary practice of law, but in the regular practice of law. In order to represent the Respondent before the Commission in my matter, Rule 5.5 SCACR requires Ms. McGrath to be licensed to practice law in South Carolina.

Because Ms. McGrath is already providing legal services to three ongoing matters before the Commission, she is not eligible to be admitted *pro hac vice* in my matter. I respectfully request that the Commission deny the Respondent's Motion.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached is being served this date upon all of the parties to this docket via electronic mail.

This the 4th day of November, 2019.

/s/ James Hamlett  
James Hamlett